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SUBJECT: PRE-DEPLOYMENT PLANNING OF USN OCEANOGRAPHIC MISSION

REF: URTEL DTG 210709 JAN 74

1. REFTEL REQUESTED DACCA AND CERTAIN OTHER POSTS PROVIDE INFO ABOUT BUNKERING AND OTHER LOGISTIC SUPPORT MATTERS FOR POSSIBLE CALLS AT CHITTAGONG BY A T-AGS 26 CLASS OCEANOGRAPHIC SURVEY SHIP, WITH CIVILIAN CREW AND USNS DESIGNATION, TO INDIAN OCEAN IN FY 75. IN DACCA 378 (NOTAL) EMBASSY REQUESTED BACKGROUND DATA ON PROPOSED SUBJECT MISSION.

2. FOLLOWING ARE PRELIMINARY COMMENTS RE LOGISTIC SUPPORT:  
(A) BUNKERING SITUATION AT CHITTAGONG CURRENTLY CRITICAL. BDG AUTHORIZING BUNKER SUPPLIES ONLY TO VESSELS BRINGING IN OR TAKING OUT CARGOES, AND THEN ONLY "REASONABLE" QUANTITY TO FUEL VESSEL TO NEXT PORT OF CALL. IMPOSSIBLE FORESEE WHAT BUNKERING SITUATION WILL BE LIKE SN FY 75, BUT PRESENT INDICATIONS NOT FAVORABLE.  
(B) WE UNABLE UNDERSTAND WHAT IS MEANT BY "INTERNATIONAL FLT COORD FOR PARTS SUPPORT AND PERS TRANSFERS."  
(C) MAIL DELIVERY COULD BE HANDLED VIA STATE DEPARTMENT POUCH

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TO EMBASSY WHICH COULD TRANSFER MAIL TO PORT. HOWEVER SHOULD BE

NOTED THAT DELIVERIES FROM CONUS SOMETIMES ERRATIC AND OFTEN DELAYED.

(D) MINOR REPEAT MINOR REPAIRS POSSIBLE BUT VESSEL SHOULD HAVE OWN SPARE PARTS SINCE THESE OFTEN UNAVAILABLE IN BANGLADESH.

(E) SHIPPING AGENCIES COULD PROVIDE USUAL PROVISIONS TO VESSEL. CHITTAGONG PORT TRUST CAN PROVIDE WATER.

(F) LEAD TIME NECESSARY FOR VISIT APPROVAL NOT DETERMINABLE WITHOUT APPROACHING BDG, WHICH WE RELUCTANT DO WITHOUT CLARIFICATION REQUESTED IN DACCA 378 OF NATURE, DURATION OF SHIP VISIT HERE.

3. AS INDICATED DACCA 378, EMBASSY FEELS POSSIBLE POLITICAL RAMIFICATIONS OF USN SHIP VISIT TO BANGLADESH REMAINS CORE OF ISSUE HERE.

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